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## GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS STONE TO SUPERIOR COURT

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today appointed Chief District Court Judge Richard W. Stone to the Superior Court bench for Judicial District 17A, representing Rockingham County. Stone takes the Superior Court seat vacated by the retirement of Judge Melzer Morgan.

"Judge Stone has an outstanding reputation as a fair and knowledgeable District Court Judge," Easley said. "I am confident that his exemplary service to the people of the 17A Judicial District will continue as a superior court judge."

Stone has served as a District Court judge in the 17A Judicial District since 1993 and was appointed Chief District Court Judge in 1998. He worked as an assistant district attorney, private practitioner and child advocate prior to taking the bench. Stone is a member of the North Carolina Conference of District Court Judges and the North Carolina Judicial Conference.

Stone received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Greensboro in 1977 and his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law in 1981.

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